

# *The Worship of God*

## *OUT OF THE MINDS OF CHILDREN: QUESTIONS OF FAITH*

July 5, 2015

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

### PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Trumpet Voluntary  
Fantasia on America the Beautiful

William Boyce  
Rex Koury

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Dolce

William Boyce

CHORAL INTROIT: "Thy Will, Thy Way"

R.J. Fryson

Lord, I'm learning to love thy way. For with thy way, I cannot stray. Lord, continue to discipline me.  
Thy will, thy way. Nothing else matters but that thy will be done. Thy will, thy way.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 725: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

NATIONAL HYMN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

**People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOR EX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

### MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:9-17

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 635: "Faith of Our Fathers"

ST. CATHERINE

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

\* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*This morning we give thanks for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty which seeks to "defend and extend God-given religious liberty for all, furthering the Baptist heritage that champions the principle that religion must be freely exercised, neither advanced nor inhibited by government." The Acolyte brings forward a copy of the Bill of Rights of our Constitution and places it on the altar.*

### PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "An American Hymn"

Cecil Effinger

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea! O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law! O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife. Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness and every gain divine! O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

SERMON:

"How Can People Always Have Faith?"

Dr. Wright

### THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE:

ANTHEM: "The Mansions of the Lord"

Nick Glennie-Smith/arr. Benjamin Harlan

To fallen soldiers let us sing, where no rockets fly nor bullets wing; our broken brothers let us bring to the mansions of the Lord. No more bleeding, no more fight, no prayers pleading through the night; just divine embrace, eternal light in the mansions of the Lord. Where no mothers cry and no children weep, we will stand and guard though the angels sleep; all through the ages safely keep, the mansions of the Lord.

Randall Wallace

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy Spirit, Guide, and Friend, we realize that we are not so different from that community gathered so long ago. Yet we confess that we are different from one another in many ways. Perceptions, experiences, culture, race, gender, sexuality, and nationality stand before us as potential dividing walls, and we often succumb to the myth that these differences must divide us.**

**Forgive us, O God, the fear that seeps into us and the narrow focus that ties us to once and long ago. Grant us the grace to embrace the fullness of who we are together, and give us the vision and enthusiasm to claim the strength of our wonderful diversity through Jesus the Christ.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 534: "When Our Confidence Is Shaken" LAUDA ANIMA  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Ceremonial March Herbert Sumsion

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Mary Lib Pitt by Theo and Molly Pitt.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Beth Seagroves <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Spencer Edwards <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://lakesidechurchrmt.org)

*Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.  
Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.  
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.*

*The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers' stoles, provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the day is red, a reminder of fire which symbolizes the Spirit of God, and of blood which symbolizes the life created and redeemed by God for which Christ and other martyrs of the faith have died. The Jerusalem Cross, comprised of one large cross surrounded by four smaller crosses, reminds us of the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life, and leads us out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are to take this light to the world. In the same way, we begin and end our worship following the cross as a symbol of God's self-giving love for us all.*

**BENEVOLENT OFFERING**

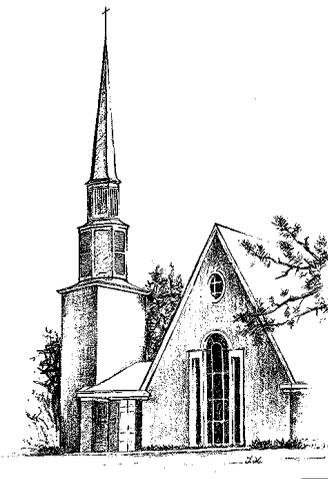
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

**WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS**

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. Members of Lakeside are persons on a journey of faith. Our church seeks to be a worshipping and serving community where the gospel of Jesus Christ is modeled and proclaimed.

Our church is Baptist by tradition and heritage, but in our worship and practice we seek to move beyond the label of a denomination to incorporate the richness of other Christian traditions. In our community service we support many ecumenical ministries that convey God's love beyond the lines of any denomination.

We receive members by affirmation of their faith or by transfer from other Christian churches. We honor the previous baptism of persons coming to Lakeside from other Christian denominations. If you are interested in knowing more about our church and its ministries, please fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.



*Worship  
at  
Lakeside*

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